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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of [X] the reference listed on attached form PTO-1449 and/or [] the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of the reference listed on the form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

1a. [X] This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

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4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:

a.  a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,

b.  a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,

c.  the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,

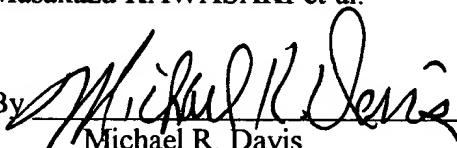
- d.  the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e.  the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:

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Respectfully submitted,

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